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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FURTHER BLOOD-LETTING IN UGANDA

REF: (A) BONN 3259 (NOTAL), (B) NAIROBI 2310 (NOTAL),
(C) NAIROBI A-012 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL MEDIA FEBRUARY 24 CARRY REPORTS OF ANOTHER
ROUND OF KILLINGS IN UGANDA. ACCORDING RADIO KAMPALA,
AMIN ADMITTED PUBLICLY FEBRUARY 23 THAT SIXTEEN PERSONS
HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A SECOND COUP
ATTEMPT ALLEGEDLY MASTERMINDED BY THE U.S., UK, AND
ISRAEL, AND THAT ACHOLI AND LANGI SOLDIERS HAD BEEN
RECRUITED TO LEAD THE "INVADING FORCES." HE MADE NO
MENTION OF FURTHER KILLINGS. REFUGEES ARRIVING IN
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KENYA ARE CLAIMING, HOWEVER, THAT AMIN HAS GIVEN ORDERS
FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF ALL ACHOLI AND LANGI TRIBESMEN
FROM THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND PRISON SERVICE, THEY
TO BE REPLACED BY RECRUITS FROM SOUTHERN SUDAN. REPORTS
OF THOSE ALREADY KILLED RANGE FROM 200 TO 3,000.
DAILY NATION QUOTES WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS
SAYING THAT ON FEBRUARY 22 BETWEEN 7:30 AND 8:00 P.M.

SHOOTING WAS HEARD IN KAMPALA'S MUGIRE PRISON WHERE LANGI AND ACHOLI TRIBESMEN ARE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD, AND GOES ON TO SAY THAT BODIES HAVE BEEN SEEN FLOATING IN THE LUZIRA SHIPYARD.

2. REFUGEE REPORTS THAT CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHER PROMINENT UGANDANS ARE BEING MASSACRED ARE ALSO BEING CIRCULATED BY KENYAN PRESS. ACCORDING TO NATION AND STANDARD PAPERS, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR OLOYA AND TWO SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND THEIR FATE IS UNKNOWN.

3. AT SAME TIME, OUTRAGE OVER DEATHS OF ARCHBISHOP LUWUM AND TWO UGANDAN MINISTERS CONTINUES. ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES GENERAL SECRETARY CARR HAS SENT A CABLE TO AMIN DEMANDING THE EXHUMATION OF THE THREE BODIES BY AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL PANEL TO DISCOVER HOW THEY REALLY DIED.

4. FEBRUARY 24 STANDARD EDITORIAL ON AFRICA'S REFUGEE POPULATION OBSERVES THAT "THE CURRENT SITUATION IN UGANDA IS BOUND SOON TO RESULT IN A MASSIVE EXODUS OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY UNLESS THE KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WHICH IS GOING ON THERE IS STOPPED AT ONCE." WHILE CALLING FOR CONCERTED ACTION ON THE PART OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST THOSE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AIDING REFUGEES, IT STATES THAT "PERHAPS EVEN MORE CRUCIAL IS WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO STOP THE ATROCITIES... THAT ARE THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM" AND ASKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE OAU TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT WILL GET AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KENYA IS CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL HEAVY REFUGEE OUTFLOW FROM UGANDA, EMBOFF JUST RETURNED FROM BUSIA ON UGANDA BORDER SAW NO EVIDENCE OF REFUGEES AT THIS TIME.

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